STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

L.T.C. for retired Central Government Employees

2022. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions for grant of travel concessions to retired Central Government employees on the pattern of benefits given to retired Railway and Indian Airlines employees etc.; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes sir.

(b) The considerations on which LTC facility is available to the serving employees are not applicable in the case of retired Central Government employees. As regards the retired Railway and Indian Airlines employees even while in service they were given travel concession on much more liberal terms than other Central Government employees. Hence the retired Central Government employees cannot be equated with the retired Railway employees or Indian Airlines employees in the matter of travel concession. It is therefore, not possible to accept the suggestion for extension of LTC facility to the retired Central Government employees.

Promotional avenues for Junior Observers

2023. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued orders providing promotional avenues for Junior Observers in Central Water Commission:

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the orders cover the Junior Observers with initial recruitment qualification of B.Sc. degree; and

(d) if not, whether clarifications are being issued to cover the category of Junior Observers also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Observers Grade-II previously called Junior Observers (Pay scale Rs. 950-20-1150-EB-25-1400) have been provided promotional avenues to the post of Observer Grade-I, (Pay scale Rs. 1320-30-1560-EB-40-2040) to be filled hundred percent by promotion.

(c) The order covers all the Junior Observers.

(d) Does not arise.

Installation of pump sets in various States

2024. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any aid to the States for installation of pump sets during 1988-89; and

(b) if so, the number of pump sets likely to be installed during 1988-89, State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Central Government gives aid to States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for construction of minor irrigation works which includes installation of pump sets on ground water structures like wells, tube wells, filter points etc. and surface water sources like pond, river canals etc. For the year 1988-89, the Ministry of